

Weekly Learning Reflections

Week Beginning: 30th September 2024



Good afternoon Class Endeavour families,

It has been another wonderful week for the class, as we have analysed, explored and implemented numerous skills across the curriculum. From the characteristics of invertebrates and catching objects from the middle of a 'pond', to writing sporting diaries and using charcoal to create shadows and shading – we have covered the lot!

In English, the children have been filling out their planning sheet for our narrative description. Creating their own worlds and characters, influenced by their passions outside of school, has enabled them to become engrossed in this unit already. This week, we looked at using expanded noun phrases, the 'show not tell' technique with body language and emotions and upgrading vocabulary to convey specific meanings and creating chosen atmospheres. All children have concluded the week with jam-packed plans that are ready to be used next week when we draft up our pieces.

In Maths, it was the second week looking at addition and subtraction. For this week, the focus was on calculating with decimals, and the children spent time discussing the Big Ideas to Remember when working with these types of number. Decimals can be confusing to work with, especially if you forget those minor (but ever so important) details of lining up the decimal points and returning it back to the correct place value after working out the sums. All of this work was then consolidated during our Big Problem, in which the children worked their first shift at Pizza Hut. Coincidentally, their first order was from the teachers at Ranvilles, and they had to use all of their knowledge and skills from the previous weeks to ensure that we had the correct amount of money to afford our orders, and even help us to work out our totals. The children seemed to really love this lesson, enjoying the choices of orders that each teacher had made (some asked for my Chocolate Fudge Cake in return for working out my total; I refused).

Across the rest of the curriculum, it has been a very exciting week. In PE, both Basketball and OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities – though we have renamed it IAA for our indoor version) has showcased some brilliant teamwork from the children. They spent time strategizing when to pass and when to dribble in game situations in Basketball, and discuss tactics for collecting objects from a 'pond' with some interesting tools in OAA. In Science, they looked at the characteristics of invertebrates, making models of different creatures out

of plasticine to highlight the differences. The children then labelled each characteristics using accurate scientific vocabulary. In Art, we looked at the technique of Chiaroscuro, which originated in Italy in the 1600s, focusing on creating that 3D effect in paintings. The children experimented with charcoal to create some very impressive pieces of work, only creating a bit of mess in the process. Continuing our unit on French sport and the Olympics, today saw the children accumulate all of the vocabulary that they have learnt over the half term so far and write some sentences of their own, describing a week of sports. This included them using opinion verbs and adjectives with accurate grammar and spelling.

For Stars of the Week this week, the class chose Lydia. This choice was because she is always challenging herself in lessons and persevering in order to succeed throughout the school day. Also, she makes sure that everyone is constantly positive and smiling when working with her in lessons, or spending time with her during break and lunch time. My choice for Star of the Week is... Toby! Toby is one of those children who consistently comes into school with a smile on his face and a positive working mindset – he will give every single thing a go, and is happy to ask questions and discuss any concerns with you about his learning. He is a wonderful role model in the classroom and across the wider school. Well done Lydia and Toby!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend, and take the time to unwind and relax. I will see you all again on Monday morning!

Miss Devonshire 😊